

Committee be and are hereby instructed to confer with Brother Miller and as nearly as possible carry out his wishes.

A motion prevailed that the secretary be instructed to write Brother Miller, expressing the appreciation of the society, and tendering him our thanks for his liberality, and well wishes. Adjourned.

A meeting of the Society was called at 4 o'clock P. M., September 2nd. J. M. Tombaugh, chairman pro tem.

A motion prevailed that the "Volunteers" of Ashland College be constituted an intelligence committee to look up fields for missionary work, ascertain their peculiarities, language, needs, customs and habits, and report thru the EVANGELIST

A letter from a man in Persia who desired to be baptized and also to send his son to school in this country, was read and discussed. A motion prevailed the above letter be referred to brother J. C. Cassel and brother I. D. Bowman who will look into the matter and report, that such steps as may be deemed prudent may be taken in the matter.

The Society then proceeded to the annual election of a president and treasurer which resulted in the re-election of G. W. Rench president and Jacob C. Cassel treasurer.

A motion prevailed that G. W. Rench be, and hereby is, appointed to investigate and secure a charter for the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren church.

Brother J. M. Tombaugh and brother J. C. Cassel were appointed to see and confer with brother John A. Miller and sister Vianna Detwiler with regard to matter of beginning a foreign work.

Following are the names of the Executive Committee: G. W. Rench, President; Jacob C. Cassel, Treasurer; J. O. Talley, Secretary; J. Allen Miller, W. D. Furry, Vianna Detwiler, David Augustine, J. M. Tombaugh, C. F. Yoder.

J. O. TALLEY, Sec.

SYNOPSIS PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD

J. O. TALLEY

As we look on the year that is just behind us, the first question that will naturally present itself is, What have we achieved as a Board? And has the result met the expectations of the body of the church that created the Missionary Board? This brings us first to consider that point.

Achievements. It is with a degree of satisfaction that we view some substantial evidences of success in the spread of the Gospel, and the acquisition of property interests, that gives that growth an aspect of permanency. Washington Mission is now a church with a good church home, and in a growing condition that speaks well for all concerned in that field and promises in the very near future to not only be self-supporting, but will soon become a helper to other weaker points. The General Missionary Board has a substantial equity in ownership, that will,

under careful management, become a source of income in time that will multiply the benefits to the missionary cause, that will gladden the hearts of those who so nobly contributed to the purchase of the Washington church property.

The policy of the Board has been conservative, and careful to foster sound principles and to lay good foundations, spiritually, materially and financially.

Needs that we feel. We feel that we need in each congregation a live aggressive representative that will inspire a congregational interest in the missions and bring regular contributions from every church and individual for the work. We are glad that in many congregations we have this in the pastors who do not fail to often speak of the missions and the work they are doing. Could this be more general, and every church be brought into direct contact with our missions, methods, and the work each one is doing, then the importance of missionary work would emphasize itself and become the burden of each heart. This would successfully bring about that equilibrium that ought be the condition as regards expense and effort that must be exerted to keep the work going. It is not just the ideal condition that places all the sacrifice on those whom the church sends out. I have never known a missionary work that was "*born before its time.*" When Jesus left the earth he had committed to eleven men a staggering proposition. Eleven poor men, all in the ordinary walks of life. "Preach the Gospel to every creature." That was the Lord's proposition. They went; some places they succeeded, notably in Samaria; other places they failed, from a human standpoint. But on the whole they succeeded. The Lord's work is not, and has never been, in any age abortive. A skeptical man, a doctor, who was once a member of the Brethren Church, said to me, "The difference between Jesus and other men of his time was that Jesus lived twenty centuries before his day." In other words he was born too soon. But the Bible says he came as "was promised." The only way to get ready for missionary work is to "*go make disciples*": every disciple made is that much more strength for the battle, and that much more energy for the carrying out of the Lord's command. The church in every age began her missionary work thru poor men. Every church in every age began her most aggressive missionary work when she was poor. Witness the reformers and founders of all protestant denominations. I love that old song, one line of which runs thus: "If you wait until you're better you will never come at all." When speaking to the church about missionary work we might parody it thus, "If you wait until you are richer, you will never go at all." Nothing will so help our congregations that suffer relapses and are in weakened condition as to get them fired with missionary zeal so they will forget their local difficulties and allow themselves to become swallowed up in

the great work of the Lord.

We need a church in Chicago (we have got it). We are at that point, where people are waiting to see if we are to be a permanent factor, and if we have come to stay. Our Sunday school needs more and better room, and facilities. A step to acquire property will be a prudent move, both for the Board and for the work in the city. An opportunity, such as comes but once in the life of any work, now presents itself for us to purchase a very desirable property in a desirable neighborhood, at about half what would be the cost to erect a new building. The past year, I have been negotiating for the purchase of this property; I think it will be just suited to us, and we now have an option on it. The property is first-class in every respect. Building, stone and brick; not a crack in the walls; heated by a furnace and furnished complete with circular oak pews and carpet; slate roof. Brother Cassel visited this property with me, and will have something important to say about it in his report.

NOTE.—The Missionary Board recommended the purchase of the above described property in conference, and the conference *unanimously endorsed the proposition of the Board* by a rising vote.

Weekly Report of the Chicago Fund

Elder John M. Fox, Cambria, Ind.,	\$ 5 00
Elder D. A. Hopkins, Twelve Mile, Ind.,	5 00
J. A. Eberly, Kunkle, O.,	5 00
Elder Daniel Crofford, Johnstown, Pa.,	10 00
Oakville S. S. C. E., Oakville, Ind.,	2 00
Mr. and Mrs Wm Crofford, Johnstown, Pa.,	2 00
Etta Fox, Pleasant Hill, O.,	5 00
Mary Grensinger,	5 00
M. F. Lentz,	5 00
Ida Simmonds, Goshen, Ind.,	5 00
Daniel Miller,	5 00
Melvin D. Kerr, Bryan, Ohio,	10 00
Jesse Culvert, Warsaw, Ind.,	1 00
E. G. Leedy, New Paris, Ind.,	1 00
Brethren church, Mexico, Ind.,	20 00
J. M. Becknell, Nappanee, Ind.,	1 00
R. A. Gillis,	1 00
Ada Beeghley,	1 00
Samuel Keyser, Bryan, O.,	10 00
J. C. Cassel, Philadelphia, Pa.,	10 00
Hattie Kanauer, Pioneer, Ohio,	2 00
W. S. Baker,	1 00
Mrs. A. Mans, Mexico, Ind.,	2 00
Jacob Hoffer and wife,	2 00
Sarah Staub,	1 00
C. O. Ketson,	1 00
Mrs. R. R. Teeter, Milledgeville, Ill.,	1 00
Mrs. J. L. Holsinger, Oakville, Ind.,	5 00
D. Rupel,	1 00
C. Rupel,	1 00
J. K. Wise, North Manchester, Ind.,	5 00
Basket collection, National Conference,	48 00
Emma Houser, Lakeville, Ind.,	1 00
Mrs. Meyers, South Bend, Ind.,	1 00
O. A. Kanauer, Pioneer, Ohio,	5 00
Lydia Helzer, Warsaw, Ind.,	5 00
Lydia Lesh, Michigan City, Ind.,	5 00
Mrs. John Keim, Louisville, Ohio,	5 00
Mrs. Thomas J. Smith,	5 00
Mary Obenchain, Logansport, Ind.,	5 00
Maud Wingard, Flora, Ind.,	3 00
Annie Lewis,	5 00
Mary Wise, Cerro Gordo, Ill.,	5 00
D. F. Eikenberry, Ashland, O.,	1 00
Julius Kimmel, Dayton, O.,	1 00